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NOTIFICATION OF REASONS FOR REJECTION

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This application is rejected on the grounds stated below. Any opinion about the rejection must be filed within 60 DAYS of the mailing date hereof.

REASONS

1. The inventions of claims 1-8 are unpatentable under Section 29 (2) of the Patent Law, as being such that the invention could easily have been made by a person with ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains, on the basis of the invention described in References 1 and 2 distributed in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application.
2. The invention is unpatentable under section 29^{bis} of the Patent Law on the grounds that the invention is considered the same as the invention described in the specification and the drawings originally attached to the request of the following application (Utility Model Registration), which was filed before (Utility Model Registration), and published (Patent Publication or Utility Model Publication) or disclosed after, the filing date of this application and that the inventor of the present application is not considered to be the inventor of the cited application (Utility Model Registration), and at the time of the filing of this application, the applicant is not considered to be the applicant of the cited application.

REMARKS

Re: Reason 1

References Cited:

1. PCT International Publication No. WO 98/52281 (For example, refer to the descriptions of Figs. 2, 9, and 10)
2. Jpn. Pat. Appl. KOKAI Publication No. 11-266138 (For example, refer to the description of Fig. 2)

Reference 1 discloses the same invention as that of the present application.

Re: Reason 2

Patent Application No. 2000-156360 (refer to Jpn. Pat. Appl. KOKAI Publication No. 2001-53581)

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